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REMARKS

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1. On 5 February 1954,                      38 trucks at the cantonment east (No 1) of Kaisersteinbruch (P 48/X 67).                      the total was about 60 trucks. No weapons were observed, but an air target installation was seen.                      the light AA guns observed in 1953 were parked in low wooden buildings. Soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were seen at the athletic field or vehicle parking lots. Vehicles observed at the installation included jeep                      driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Light B 1953, 122-mm field howitzers with a three-axle truck each, and additional 20 trucks, including three-axle vehicles, were standing on the hill east of the cantonment. About 100 troops wearing parkas were engaged in field training on the eastern slope of the hill. Officers with black-bordered red epaulets, and some officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia entered the cantonment west (No 2) of Kaisersteinbruch. Two trucks and jeep                      were parked at the installation. 25X1
2. On 5 February, about 58 snow-covered trucks were observed at the Passangerien Kaserne near Goetzendorf (P 49/X 77). Most of the trucks were propped up. Fresh vehicle tracks led to the installation which was guarded by a sentry wearing a fur coat.<sup>2</sup> 25X1
3. On 3 February, 3 T-34/85 tanks, 1 repair shop truck, 1 truck and 20 soldiers were observed in the yard of the garages southeast of the truck on the Leitha River (P 49/X 77) railroad station. Maintenance work was done on two tanks. Vehicles standing in the garages included about 14 tanks and 5 trucks. Truck                      driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets went from the low wooden buildings east of the garages toward truck on the Leitha River. The camp in the woods was guarded by a sentry wearing a fur coat. Only a few vehicle tracks led to the installation. No vehicle traffic was observed. Two officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, and a major with black-bordered black epaulets were seen at the new headquarters which was guarded by a sentry with black-bordered red epaulets. 25X1

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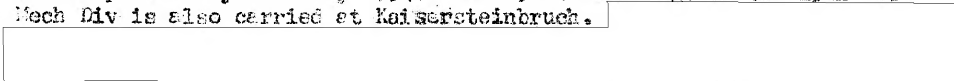


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4. On 2 February, a truck and a trailer were seen at the former Pioneer Kaserne in Hainburg (F 49/X 89). No vehicle traffic was observed at the entrance of the installation which was guarded by a sentry wearing a fur coat.

1.  Comment. The 8 x 122-mm howitzers seen east of the cantonment confirm the 32nd Gds How Arty Regt of the 13th Gds Mech Div at Kaisersteinbruch up to early February 1954. The 2500th AAA Regt of the 13th Gds Mech Div is also carried at Kaisersteinbruch.

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2.  Comment. The 55th Tank Ing Bn is stationed at the Fasangarten Kaserne near Coetzendorf, and the 15th Tank Regt of the 13th Gds Mech Div at Bruck/Leitha. Truck  observed at the low wooden buildings east of the garages at Bruck/Leitha belongs to the above division. The 15th Gds ML Bn of the 13th Gds Mech Div is carried at Hainburg.

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